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The TRUE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSIONS,

Begun at the

OLD-BAYLY,

On *Wedneſday* the 18*th*. of *April*, 1683.

Giving an Account of the ſeveral Tryals (viz.) *for High Treaſon, Murders, Felonies,* &c. *with the Condemnation of thoſe Convicted.*

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THe Firſt Arraigned was *Richard Mackrel*, for Stealing a Silver Tankard valued at 3 *l.* from *William Speed*, to which he Pleaded *Guilty*.

One *Hull* was Arraigned for Stealing a Canvas Bag and 50 *l.* in Money from a *Gold-Smith* in *London*; but upon his ſaid Arraignment Pleaded *Guilty* to that, and all other things within the Benefit of the Clergy.

William Riggs, *Hugh Jones*, and a Third Perſon were Indicted for picking the Pocket of one *Terry* a Country-man, and taking out there between three and four *l.* which being taken upon *Riggs*, he was found *Guilty*, but the other two acquitted.

John Littleton alias *Batts*, known by the Title of *Granſir* to the Pick-Pockets, (although a Boy of about Fourteen-years Old) Tryed for picking the Pocket of a Gentlewoman, as ſhe paſs'd through *Cheapſide*, taking from her eight or ten pieces of Gold, and alſo ſome Silver, but the Evidence not being clear, he was Acquitted.

Elizabeth Whitehand, *John Whitehand*, and *Andrew Whitehand*, Indicted for High Treaſon, *viz.* Coining and putting off Counterfeit Money, and alſo for Clipping of other good Money which was of the Lawful Coin of this Kingdom: The two Men fled upon ſome Alarum that they were to be ſeized, but the ſaid *Elizabeth* was Tryed and Acquitted; for that the Evidence was not clear againſt her paricularly.

William

William Hughes was Indicted for picking the Pocket of *Frances* the Wife of *Richard Hemming* of a Silver Box, to the value of 6 *s.* as she was passing from *Leaden-hall-market* near *Cree-Church*; she made Oath positively the Box was in her Pocket when she came out, of the *Market*, and that she took his hand in her Pocket, but snatching it out, and running away; upon her Out-cry he was taken before he came to the end of the street, yet no Box was found about him; but he having been an old Offender of that sort, was found *Guilty* to the value of 10 *d.*

Mary Smith Single Woman, Indicted for Stealing a black Cloth Coat, and some other things from *Allin Culler* of *Black-fryars*, was found *Guilty* thereof.

William Griffith, and *James Griffith*, two young Fellows (but yet well known at *Newgate*) being Indicted for Stealing a *Beaver Hat*, *&c.* and Arraigned for the same on *Wednesday* in the Afternoon, both refused to Plead positively, but in a dilatory way, that they knew no more of it than the Child unborn, and the like; persisting in that stubborn humour, the Executioner was called to tye them up, (and ordered that the Sentence for Pressing should be read to them; but there being at that Instant no more Indictments ready in *London* to proceed upon, they happed to be set by, and the *Middlesex* Jury called to try these following, who were then Indicted, *viz.*

Elizabeth Clarke, the Wife of *John Clarke*, Indicted for abetting, procuring, or Counsilling the Death of Sir *William Frogmorton*, (on or about the 29 of *June* last) by incouraging or desiring Mr. *David Stanyer* to revenge some affront Sir *William* had offered her, which *Stanyer* did soon after kill Sir *William Frogmorton*, (viz. in *June* last) and being fled, stands ~~Convicted by Out-lawry of the said Fellony and Murder; but upon the~~ Tryal, it appearing that whereas about that time the said Sir *William* came to Mrs. *Clarkes* House much in drink, and upon some slight occasion pull'd her Head-cloathes off; yet to avoid difference, she withdrew to another Room, and that he also quarrelling with Mr. *Stanyer*, some challenge happed between them without her contributing any thing thereto; as also a full Testimony of the Neighbourhood coming in, that she lived peaceably and in good repute, she was thereof acquitted.

Philip Johnson, Indicted for the Murder of *John Hill*, an Infant of about half a year Old, the manner thus: The Mother of *Hill* kept a publick House in St. *Martins* Parish, where of a *Sunday* night, at the beginning of the last Moneth, *Johnson* came in to drink Brandy, and after one Quartern would have another, and go drink it in a private Room with one he called his Wife, which the Landlady refusing him, he threatned revenge before *Saturday* following, and on the *Wednesday* after about eight at night, came in a very rude manner, and breaking her Windows, with other abuses, saying he had not yet revenge enough, the Woman running to strike him, or defend her Goods with the Child in her Arms, he struck it on the Head with his stick, of which blow it dyed about seven hours after. Yet the Jury being of Opinion that he had no premediated Malice to the Child, but as it was accidentally in the Womans Arms whom he might strike at, they found it *Man Slaughter*.

Ralph Philips (or Capt. *Philips*) Indicted for killing Mr. *John Herne* in a Duel at *Katherine-street* near *Covent-Garden*; but it appearing by the Evidence and Circumstances, that whereas Mr. *Philips*, and other Gentle-

men

men were of a Company drinking in a Tavern, that Mr. *Herne* being of another Company came into theirs, and was very abuſive: That Mr. *Philips* did all that was poſſible to avoid a quarrel, and yet notwithſtanding, when each Company were parted, Mr. *Herne* privately followed Mr. *Philips*, and drew upon him; upon which and other great likelyhoods, that Mr. *Philips* had endeavoured to evade that Duel; it was brought in *Man Slaughter.*

Robert Savage a Soldier, who was Centinel at one of the Gates at the *Tower*, was Tryed upon an Indictment of Murder, the manner thus: When the ſaid *Savage* was Centinel as aforeſaid, one *Philip Ruſſel*, and another Perſon, both likewiſe Soldiers upon ſome other Duty coming by the Centinel, each having a Muſquet on his Shoulder, *Ruſſel* as they paſt by ſaid, how now Rogue, art thou here, lets kill him, meaning the Centinel, at which *Savage* reply'd, do you call me Rogue, I'le kill you firſt; immediately Fired his Muſquet and ſhot him; the Bullet paſſing quite through his Body, ſo that part of his Guts came out, and he dyed in leſs than three hours. *Savage* in his defence ſaid, he did nothing but his Duty, and if he had not done it, he might have been kill'd himſelf. That he did not know but *Ruſſel* had a deſign to take the *Tower*, or ſuch like excuſes. But the other Soldier who was paſſing with *Ruſſel*, witneſſed that *Ruſſel* laughed when he ſpoke of killing the Centinel, it being only in Jeſt; that they never pulled their Muſquets from their Shoulders, or made any the leaſt offer againſt the Centinel, but paſſed on in the common way, and were gone beyond the Centinel before he Fired upon them; the Jury therefore brought it in *Willful Murder.*

Thomas Lental a *Brazier*, or ſuch like Tradeſman, Indicted for Stealing ſeveral Braſs Pots, Kettles, or Skillets, (or ſome of each) alſo ſeveral Pewter-diſhes, Plates, Spoons, a Frying-pan, *&c.* out of a Houſe or Yard near the *Artillery* Wall by *Bun-hill-fields*; but it appearing by the Evidence that he only had bought part of the ſaid Goods in his ſhop, and had endevoured to find, or found out, the Thief being one *Jones*, againſt which Perſon he the ſaid *Lental* was ready to give Evidence, with other circumſtances in his Vindication; he was by the Jury acquitted, and an Indictment ordered to be againſt *Jones* for that Fact.

William Simms, Indicted for Stealing a Silver Tankard out of a publick Houſe at *Weſtminſter*, (*viz.* from Mrs. *Freeman*) and albeit he produced another Perſon to own the Stealing it and excuſe him, and had uſed ſuch Intereſt, that the Evidence for a conſiderable time would not ſwear him to be the Man; yet upon a ſtrict Examination thereof, he was diſcovered to be the Perſon and found *Guilty.*

Elizabeth Cherry for Stealing two Silk Petticoats, and other things, was found *Guilty* of *Felony.*

Mary Bayly, Indicted for Stealing a Mantua Gown, a Scarf, ſome Laces, Forehead-cloaths, Ruffles, *&c.* was brought in *Guilty* to the value of 10 *d.*

Samuel Lambourne, Indicted for Stealing a Gelding out of a Marſh near *Hampton-Court*, valued to the worth 20 *l.* but by the Gentleman who owned him at 50 *l.* which Gelding *Lambourne* Sold at *Tame* in *Oxfordſhire* for 50 *s.* pretending he bought the ſaid Gelding of one he met in the Road near *Hounſlow* for 34 *s.* but having no witneſs to prove how he lived, or of his ſaid buying the Horſe, alledging he met the Seller by chance, having

having no knowledge whence, or who he was; *Lambourne* was threfore found *Guilty*.

Mr. *Conway*, one of the two Enſignes, who lately fought the Duel behind *Southampton* Buildings near *Tatnam Court*, and therein kill'd Mr. *Griffith*, was Tryed for the ſame, and found *Guilty* of *Man Slaughter*.

Mr. *Roſſington*, who that Evening kill'd *Stephen Know* in the *Strand*, being Tryed, the Witneſſes agreeing that the ſaid *Know* did give the firſt Provocation, that was alſo found *Man Slaughter*.

James Griffith, and *William Griffith*, who refuſed to Plead on *Wedneſday*, being again Araigned on *Thurſday*, continued obſtinate till the Sentence againſt a Mute was read, and the Executioner ordered to tye them up, who beginning to take hold of *William Griffith*, he yielded to Plead *Not Guilty*, and *James Griffith* his Brother, Pleaded *Guilty* of that Indictment, and all other within the Benefit of the Clergy.

After which *William Griffith* was Tryed, and found *Guilty* of Stealing the Beaver Hat.

William Williams, *Thomas Piner*, and *William Scurvil*, Indicted for conſpiring with *John Arrowſmith* to kill and murder *Thomas Robinſon*, but were all Acquitted.

Thomas Cary or *Cariff* for Stealing a Silver Tankard, of which he confeſs'd himſelf *Guilty*.

Lewis Jones an old Man of above Fourſcore years of Age, for Stealing 22 pair of Gloves, was found *Guilty*.

Peter Matthews, for that he and five more coming into an Alehouſe not far from the *Haymarket*, about 9 at Night after they had drank about 13 *d.* and paid it, called for ſome more, and the Landlord one *Richard Groom* going to draw it, they tumbled his Wife and Servant after him down into the Cellar, uſing them barbarouſly, and Robbing the Houſe to the value of 100 *l.* he was found *Guilty* of Felony and Burglary.

Francis Johnſon, *Thomas Walker*, *Katherine Steel*, *Roger Adams*, and ſeveral others which here is not room to inſert, were likewiſe found *Guilty* of Felonies to a ſmall value; ſix or eight more not named, Tryed for like Felonies and Acquitted.

In Concluſion, 6 Received Sentence of Death, *viz. W. Riggs*, *Tho. Cary* or *Carriff*, *Peter Matthews*, *Sam. Lambourne*, *Robert Savage*, and *Eliz. Charry*.

As many Received the Benefit of the Clergy, *viz.* Mr. *Conway*, Mr. *Philips*, Mr. *Roſſington*, *Mary Smith*, *Lewis Jones*, *Katherine Steel*.

8 or more obtained to be Tranſported, *Edw. Mackrel*, *James Hull*, *W. Griffith*, *James Griffith*, *W. Simms*, *Philip Johnſon*, *Francis Johnſon*, and *Tho. Walker*.

And 5 Received Sentence to be Whipt.

Beſides the Fellons, there was alſo Indicted at the *Old Bayly*, ſome Perſons for Writing and Printing of a Scandalous Pamphlet or Libel.

The Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, were again tendred to Mr. *Bampfield* and Mr *Griffith*, two Diſſenting Miniſters, but by them refuſed.

Some Preſentments hath been made by the Grand Jury of *London*, relating to the putting the Laws in Execution againſt Popiſh Recuſants, and unlawful Conventicles.

We hear that the Quarter Seſſions was alſo this Week held for the County of *Surrey*, where Mr. *Nathaniel Vincent* was again brought up, and after Council heard on both ſides, his Caſe (as its reported) was referred to be deſided at the *Kings-Bench-Bar*.

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